

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

RYSTA LEONA SUSMAN, Both
Individually and as Legal Guardian of
Shane Allen Loveland; and JACOB
SUMMERS,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER
COMPANY

Defendant.

8:18CV127

ORDER RE: TRIAL PREPARATION

1. CIVIL TRIAL SCHEDULE:

This matter is scheduled for trial on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, subject only to the Court's need to commence any previously scheduled criminal trial in which a Speedy Trial Act deadline exists.

2. PRETRIAL MOTIONS:

A. Continuance

Motions to continue trial are referred to Magistrate Judge Susan M. Bazis for decision. Any motion to continue trial must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, together with a supporting affidavit, as soon as is practicable. The moving party shall send a proposed order to Magistrate Judge Bazis at bazis@ned.uscourts.gov.

B. Evidentiary Hearings

Please notify Judge Smith Camp's chambers by email at smithcamp@ned.uscourts.gov immediately upon filing any pretrial motion not already addressed requiring an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 104 so that a hearing may be held before trial.

3. PRETRIAL SUBMISSIONS:

- A. **Trial Brief:** At least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial, a trial brief as required by NECivR¹ 39.2(a) shall be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court.
- B. **Exhibit List:** At least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial, each party shall email an exhibit list as required by NECivR [16.2\(a\)\(1\)](#)² to Judge Smith Camp's chambers at smithcamp@ned.uscourts.gov in Microsoft Word or Wordperfect format. If the exhibit list was not incorporated into the final pretrial order, then the exhibit list should also be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial.
- C. **Witness List:** At least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial, each party shall email a witness list as required by NECivR [16.2\(a\)\(2\)\(D\)](#) to Judge Smith Camp at smithcamp@ned.uscourts.gov in Microsoft Word or Wordperfect format. If the witness list was not incorporated into the final pretrial order, then the witness list should also be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial.
- D. **Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form:** Proposed jury instructions as required by NECivR 51.1 and proposed verdict form(s) shall be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial.

4. **DISCOVERY MATERIAL:**

Parties seeking to submit materials in a manner different from the following requirements must seek leave of the court. Materials submitted outside of the following deadlines without leave of the court may be deemed withdrawn. Use of discovery material as substantive evidence is controlled by the Pretrial Order and the following requirements:

A. **Depositions:**

Proponent: The party seeking to use a deposition at trial must deliver a paper copy of the deposition to Judge Smith Camp's chambers at least 24 hours before the deposition is to be presented at trial. If less than the entire deposition will be offered, the proponent must deliver: (1) a list or index

¹ NECivR refers to the local rules for the District of Nebraska. The current rules can be found at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/attorney/local-rules>.

² Exhibit lists shall be submitted on the approved form found at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/forms?page=1> titled "Exhibit List".

designating by page and line(s) the testimony to be offered, and (2) a copy of the entire deposition with highlighted parts to be offered.

Objections: The party seeking to use a deposition at trial must also submit a list or index of unresolved objections to the court in a motion in limine filed electronically at least 24 hours before the deposition is to be presented at trial. The list or index of objections must identify the location of the objection by page and line as well as the precise nature of the objection.

B. Video Depositions:

Proponent: At least seven (7) days before trial, the party seeking to use a video deposition must deliver a paper copy of the transcript to Judge Smith Camp's chambers.

Objections: The party seeking to use a video deposition must also submit a list or index of unresolved objections to the court in a motion in limine filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court at least seven (7) days before trial as required by NECivR [30.1\(f\)](#). The list or index of objections must identify the location of the objection by page and line as well as the precise nature of the objection. After the court rules on the unresolved objections, the party seeking to use the video deposition must then edit the video as required by NECivR [32.1](#).

C. Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions:

Proponent: At least seven (7) days before trial, a party seeking to use interrogatories or requests for admission must deliver a paper copy of the interrogatories or requests for admissions to Judge Smith Camp's chambers.

Objections: The party seeking to use the interrogatories or requests for admissions must also submit a list or index of unresolved objections to the court in a motion in limine filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court at least seven (7) days before trial. The list or index of objections must identify the location of the objection by page and line as well as the precise nature of the objection. These requirements apply to answers to interrogatories and requests for admissions including matters deemed admitted because unanswered. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 36(a).

5. EXHIBITS:

A. Court's Copies:

Each proponent of exhibits must prepare two copies of each original exhibit to be offered. One copy of the original exhibits must be placed in binder(s) as described below. If the exhibits are available electronically, one copy may be submitted in electronic form, on a portable thumb drive or other generally accessible storage device. Each exhibit file within the portable drive should be labeled by exhibit number.

If electronic copies of exhibits are unavailable, each set of copies must be placed in three-ring binders. The binders must be numbered in accordance with NECivR [39.3](#)(d) and organized by dividers and numbered tabs for quick retrieval of copies of exhibits during trial. The binders with copies of exhibits must be delivered to chambers no later than seven (7) days before the scheduled date of trial. **The copies of exhibits delivered to chambers are not the original exhibits to be used at trial.**

B. Original Exhibits:

The parties should deliver original exhibits to the court in accordance with NECivR [39.3](#). Exhibits shall be properly listed and identified on the exhibit form supplied by the Clerk of Court's Office, also available at the court website: <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/forms>.

C. Marking of Exhibits:

The parties should number exhibits as required by NECivR 39.3(d). Plaintiff's exhibits will begin with number "1." Defendant's exhibits will begin with the three-digit number rounded to the next hundred after plaintiff's last exhibit. Additionally, all exhibits must be pre-marked with stickers that indicate whether the plaintiff, or the defendant is offering the exhibit. The Court requests that the parties number their exhibits consecutively.

6. WITNESSES:

A. Lists:

A party's witness list shall include the full name and address for each such witness. Witnesses who do not appear to testify when scheduled will be considered withdrawn.

B. Rule 26 Disclosures and Reports:

At least seven (7) days before trial, the proponent of an expert witness must deliver a paper copy of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) disclosures for each expert witness identified in the Pretrial Order. Any expert whose Rule 26 disclosure is not received by the court within seven (7) days before trial, or earlier if requested by the court, will be considered withdrawn.

7. REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETERS OR COURTROOM EQUIPMENT:

Interpreters: A party requiring an interpreter must notify the courtroom deputy by email at maryroundtree@ned.uscourts.gov or by phone at (402) 661-7337 at least seven (7) days before trial.

Courtroom Equipment: Information regarding courtroom technology is available at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/attorney/courtroom-technology>. Technology in Judge Smith Camp's courtroom includes: a large flat screen television, document cameras (ELMOs), attorney & witness monitors with annotation abilities, jury box monitors for viewing evidence, video conferencing, telephone conferencing, VHS/DVD player, headsets for the hearing impaired, an easel, and table interfaces at attorney tables to allow connection to laptops for displaying digital documents, video, etc. Parties requesting a time for technology training, parties requesting the use of the document cameras (ELMOs), and/or parties intending to play a video recording during trial must contact the courtroom deputy by email or phone (listed above) no later than three (3) working days before trial.

8. CONDUCT OF TRIAL:

Judge Smith Camp will meet with counsel in her chambers at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of trial. Trial will commence at 9:00 a.m. each day, unless otherwise ordered. Examination of witnesses will be by direct, cross, and redirect examination, but not recross unless authorized by the court.

9. SETTLEMENT:

By noon on the Friday before trial is scheduled to occur, counsel for all parties shall contact Judge Smith Camp's chambers to receive instructions regarding how the court may be notified of any settlement reached when the court is not open for business. It is the responsibility of the counsel for all parties to notify the court immediately of any settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
Senior United States District Judge